

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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www.epa.gov/hardrockmining/

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Pre-Registration Deadline: November 3, 2006

There is no registration fee for this conference.

HOTEL AND LOCATION INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the following location:

Doubletree Tucson Reid Park
445 S. Alvernon Way
Tucson, Arizona 85711-4198
Phone: 520.881.4200 • Fax: 520.323.5225

A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel. Please call the Doubletree Tucson Reid Park and reference the EPA Hard Rock 2006 Conference to receive the conference rate. The conference rate is equal to the prevailing government per diem rate (which is currently \$88.00) plus 11.5% tax per room, per night for single/double occupancy. Please secure your hotel accommodations as early as possible because reservations will only be accepted on a space available basis. Reservations must be made by **October 29, 2006.**

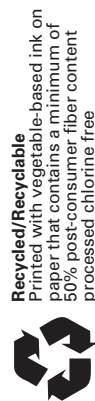
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Conference Announcement

Hard Rock 2006

Sustainable Modern
Mining Applications

November 14 - 16, 2006

Doubletree Tucson Reid Park
Tucson, AZ

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PURPOSE

This conference will provide participants with an opportunity to examine and discuss current and future environmental issues which provide sustainable opportunities for efficient extraction and maximum utilization of resources in mining.

CONFERENCE GOALS

The conference goal is to provide a forum for the exchange of scientific information on current and future environmental issues which shape the future of the mining industry, including base metals, precious metals, industrial minerals, and aggregates. This information exchange will not only serve to enhance the legacy of remediation and cleanup, but will also contribute to the sustainability of efficient extractive activities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is aimed at mining remediation researchers and practitioners; federal, state, local, and tribal decision makers; the mining industry; and others interested in mining remediation and sustainability.

Continue to check the conference Web site for the latest information!

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

The preliminary conference agenda is now available online at:

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The conference will include sessions on the following topics:

- Characterization of Mine Waste
- Innovative Technology Applications
- Mine Closure
- Monitoring
- Reclamation and Bonding
- Restoration
- Stakeholder Collaborations
- Sustainable Development
- Water and Air Quality/Balance/Management

The conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14th and will conclude at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16th. After the conclusion of the conference, there will be a field trip to the Sierrita Mine. Participation in the field trip is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

POSTER SESSION

On the evening of Tuesday, November 14th, a poster session will be held where attendees will have the opportunity to discuss projects one-on-one with poster presenters. A list of poster presentations is available on the Web site at: www.epa.gov/hardrockmining/

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- Office of Research and Development, National Risk Management Research Laboratory
- Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
- Regional Offices

Colorado School of Mines
Montana Tech

MSE-Technology Applications, Inc.
Phelps Dodge

University of Arizona - Tucson

University of Maine

University of Nevada - Reno

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Geological Survey

FIELD TRIP TO SIERRITA MINE

EPA is sponsoring a field trip to the Sierrita mine after the conference concludes on Thursday, November 16th. The Sierrita mine, 100% owned by Phelps Dodge, is one of the safest mines in the U.S., having earned the federal government's prestigious 'Sentinels of Safety' award numerous times as the safest open-pit mine in the open-pit hard-rock mine category. In addition to copper and molybdenum, the mine produces rhenium, a rare and highly valued metal. The 2-hour mine tour is free to conference attendees and transportation to the mine will be provided. The bus will leave the Doubletree Tucson Reid Park at noon and will return to the hotel at 4:00 p.m.

Participation is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested attendees should sign up for the field trip when they register online at: www.epa.gov/hardrockmining/